

A joint meeting of the Troy City Council and Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities was held Wednesday, January 2, 2002, in the Lower Level Conference Room at City Hall, 500 W. Big Beaver. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Thomas Kaszubski at 7:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Community Center Goals and Visions.

Roll Call:

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Robin Beltramini
Martin F. Howrylak
Thomas S. Kaszubski
David A. Lambert

COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Leonard Bertin
Cynthia Buchanan
Angela Done
Kul Gauri
Theodora House
Dick Kuschinsky
John Rodgers
Nancy Sura

ALSO PRESENT:

John Szerlag
Gary Shripka
Lori Grigg Bluhm
Carol Anderson
Cynthia Stewart
Mitch Grusnick

Resolution # 2002 _____

Moved by Beltramini

Seconded by Lambert

RESOLVED, that Council members Louise Schilling and Anthony Pallotta be excused.

Yes: All (Mayor Pryor not present)

MOTION CARRIED

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Community Center Goals and Visions

Concern expressed by the Committee and Council members that discounts that were previously discussed are not reflected in the brochure.

Bertin stated that a 10% discount is not adequate for persons with disabilities.

Fee Structure

It was suggested that the fees be placed in the City's tax base, as it is equally important as wetlands.

Anderson addressed a few separate issues. A subcommittee was created to come up with a fair, equitable fee structure for the community center, one that would not have to be subsidized. It is estimated that \$3 million will be necessary to operate the community center, so the City is responsible to raise \$2 million based on usage and membership fees. The City hopes to sell 10,000 or more memberships.

Szerlag said if Council approves, a report could be prepared for the January 14 agenda based on the scenarios discussed. Lambert suggested lowering the rates of the fee schedule, instead of rethinking an entire fee structure.

Beltramini said the premise to have the community center paid for by the user discounts its community value.

Kaszubski asked if it is too late to put this to a vote, because Phase I opening is scheduled for this year and Phase II the following year. He agreed with Council that a survey could be used to analyze the situation in the future.

Szerlag recommends with Council to keep the funding level maintained at least for the first year. He agrees that a survey could be used to analyze the situation in the future.

Howrylak requested that Szerlag and Bluhm get back to Council with possible advisory questions for the November ballot.

Szerlag said 15,000 memberships would be necessary to subsidize the disabled.

Howrylak wants the option to put the issue on the November ballot if necessary.

Budget Considerations

Bertin requested budget consideration for promotional publications. Szerlag suggested that the

Community Affairs Department can assist the Committee with the creation of a brochure.

Council suggested the Committee contact the staff liaison to request money for committee expenses. Howrylak said that standard operating procedures should be established for all committees regarding budget and expenses

ADA Officer for the City

Gary Shripka is the ADA Officer for the City.

Bertin asked if anyone within the administration is a grant writer. Szerlag responded that many people in the City write grants; most grants written relate to transportation.

Training for City Staff & Boards/Committees

Shripka confirmed that diversity training has been scheduled for the Parks & Recreation staff in January and February.

Other

Bertin and Sura encouraged an aggressive effort to go after grants. Troy is supposed to be the first to have a committee such as this. Disabilities Today, a weekly program, will air its feature on this committee on January 22, 2002, on channel 56 at 5:30 p.m. After it is aired on channel 56, the City can air it on its own cable channel (10/53).

Szerlag agreed to have the City Council podium examined for ADA compliance.

Resolution # 2002 _____
Moved by Beltramini
Seconded by Lambert

RESOLVED, to amend Resolution # 2002 _____ to excuse Mayor Pryor.

Yes: All

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution # 2002 _____
Moved by Beltramini
Seconded by Lambert

RESOLVED, to adjourn meeting.

Yes: All

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Thomas S. Kaszubski, Mayor Pro-Tem

Tonni L. Bartholomew - City Clerk